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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A235
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint Nextel here submits for filing reply comments in the above-referenced proceedings. As the reply comments describe, many of the opening comments underscore the problems and reflect dissatisfaction with the proposals offered by the Commission and the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service for reform of the federal universal service high cost support programs.

Sprint Nextel believes that its HCS Plan better addresses the concerns raised by the Commission and the commenters. The HCS Plan provides the FCC and all carriers an administratively practical and equitable pro-competitive means to reduce current high cost support funds to sustainable levels. The HCS Plan also redirects remaining support to small rural carriers and lowers carrier USF contributions, providing potentially significant consumer benefit through reduced federal universal service surcharges on consumer bills. Therefore Sprint Nextel, believes that the Commission should give the proposal serious consideration, including providing other commenters an additional opportunity to comment on the Sprint Nextel plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure